

# St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

**APRIL 2, 2023 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD**

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the Catholic faith community of St. Teresa of Avila parish, guided by the Holy Spirit, commit ourselves to proclaim and follow the Good News of Jesus Christ. Basing our lives on faith, hope and love, we seek to meet our needs and the spiritual and corporal needs of those around us. It is our humble prayer that our lives will be visible signs of His presence in the world as we celebrate Christ in His Word and Sacraments.



St. Teresa's  
Altar Servers of the Year  
Congratulations to  
Jim Schneider &  
Jack Gehl!

**MASS SCHEDULE**

*Sunday Liturgies* .....8:00 AM, 10:15 AM  
*Saturday Vigil*.....4:30 PM  
*Daily Mass* .....8:00 AM, except Wednesday 5:30 PM  
*Saturday* .....9:00 AM  
*Vigil of Holy Days* .....5:30 PM  
*Holy Days* .....8:00 AM, 7:30 PM

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays 3:00 to 4:00 PM  
First Saturday 8:15 to 8:45 AM  
Vigil of Holy Days 3:30 to 4:15 PM  
*or anytime by request.*

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

As preparation for Baptism, parents are asked to contact the parish office to make an appointment with the Pastor.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Arrangements to be made at the Rectory 6 months in advance.

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

Please register at the Rectory as soon as you move within the parish.  
Note: If you are moving out of the parish, please notify the Rectory.

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

These letters needed for Baptismal and Confirmation sponsors are issued gladly to those who: have been registered for 6 months; attend Mass regularly; have been confirmed; if married, have done so in conformity with the Church laws, and whose children attend Religious Education.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., April 3

8:00 Matt Olsen  
by Mary Olsen

Tues., April 4

8:00 Dearly Departed Souls

Wed., April 5

5:30 William O'Donnell - Birthday  
Remembrance  
by O'Donnell Family

Thurs., April 6

8:00 Bob Bergman - Birthday  
Blessings  
by The Bergman Family

Fri., April 7

2:00 PM Passion of the Lord

Sat., April 8

8:00 PM For the People of St. Teresa's  
Parish by Fr. Art

Sun., April 9 - Easter Sunday

8:00 Janice & Clark Gadd -  
Anniversary Remembrance  
by Janice Gadd

10:15 Connie Caprio

by Husband & Children



## Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Isaiah 42:1-7  
John 12:1-11

Tuesday - Isaiah 49:1-6  
John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday - Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday - Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9  
Revelation 1:5-8  
Luke 4:16-21

Good Friday - Isaiah 52:14-53:12  
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
John 18:1-19:42

Sunday - Acts 10:34a, 37-43  
Colossians 3:1-4  
John 20:1-9



Remember a loved  
one, living or  
deceased in a

special way with a Mass. Contact the  
parish office to reserve a date.



April 2, 2023  
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

What's your car? Let's say it's a fancy silver Toyota. Now imagine you're having lunch in a restaurant and suddenly see two men outside attempting to steal it. You run outside and confront them. They respond, "The master has need of it." How do you respond? Would you just let them take it, and leave you without a car? I don't think I would. Yet that is precisely what the owners of the colt on Palm Sunday do. Stunningly, and perhaps a little comically, Jesus instructs two of his disciples to commandeer a colt for him to ride. And when they hear the disciples say, "The master has need of it," they let them take it. Of course, Jesus knew they'd let it go. He gave them the grace to let go of what is rightfully theirs. The result? That colt became perhaps the most famous and important animal ever. The beast plays a role in the redemption of the world. As Holy Week begins, Jesus perhaps will send people to you to ask for something valuable to you. Perhaps it's your car. More likely it's something like your attention, time, or energy. It's natural to resist at first. We've got things to do, after all. But if the interruption is from Jesus himself, listen to that voice which calmly says, "The master has need of it." And simply let it go. You'll be amazed what the master will do with it.

— Father John Muir

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For the work of Catholic Charities in our Diocese of Buffalo; may it continue to be the tangible sign of Jesus Christ for all who are in need; we pray to the Lord....

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially: Peggy Weber, Sarah Berlinger, Viola Izydorczak, Gary Karaskiewicz, Louis Pulvino, Austin Penn, Jim & Joe Vasi, Sterling McCarragher, Lorraine Sylvester, Bob Tiedt, Jean Ottney, Shirley Lantz, Donna Stock, Rita Whalen, Laura Gray, baby Isla Smith, Grayson Sanders, Deb Smith & Lorraine Sylvester

### \*\* YOUR PARISH OFFERING \*\*

Funds needed per week in March for Expenses: \$ 5,825

In Pew 3/12/2023

Sunday Collection

\$ 4,190

The gift of your donation allows us to continue the mission of Christ here at St. Teresa's. Thank you for your generosity.

Catholic Charities Update  
Parish Goal: \$40,000  
Current Total: \$ 22,020



We have reached 55% of our goal with 91 donors!  
Thank you for your generosity!

*Holy Week at St. Teresa's*

*Holy Thursday* 8:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper  
9:00-10:00 pm - Adoration in the Church

*Good Friday* 2:00 pm - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion  
7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

*Holy Saturday* 1:00 pm - Blessings of Easter Baskets  
8:00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass

*Easter Sunday* Masses at 8:00 am and 10:15 am

REMINDER - There will be no confessions heard during Holy Week.

**Religious Education:** What is "benediction"? A Latin word that means "blessing"; a service with singing and prayers where we worship Jesus in the Holy Bread of the Eucharist and the presider blesses the people by holding the monstrance up high.

**Holy Week Ministers and Altar Servers** - Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex if you are able to serve.

**Catholic Charities** - Palm Sunday typically means we have reached the mid-point of our Annual Catholic Charities Appeal. Your support of the Appeal is vital in continuing our mission of being a beacon of HOPE to all those we serve. All told, your gifts helped us bring HOPE to more than 134,000 lives last year through Catholic Charities and helped the Diocese support spiritual care through the Fund for the Faith programs. If you have already donated, we offer our sincerest thanks on behalf of the children, individuals, and families we serve. If you have not yet given to Appeal 2023, now is a great time! Visit [www.ccwny.org/donate](http://www.ccwny.org/donate) or text GIVEHOPE23 to 44321. No gift is too small to make a tremendous impact right here in Western New York.

**Father Zielenieski gives Road to Renewal Update** in new video - How does the Renewal team determine decisions in the Diocese and what do these trends mean for the future? Using the data gathered from parish reports and from parishioners through the Catholic Leadership Institute survey that was completed last year, the Renewal team is able to create trends to understand where parishes and the diocese will be going in the next five-10 years. To see the video, go to <http://roadtorenewal.org/updates/?fbclid=IwAR2K-t7MfxA6sEDQlP-lGwYSfDIXB8hAZYS-rHlu1YcgzIsXcmIDbiYRb2Y>

**St. Leo the Great Lenten Fish Fry** held on Friday's during Lent - April 7 - from 4-7 pm (or until sold out) at the Parish Center, 885 Sweet Home Rd., Amherst. Fish Fry dinner includes fries, coleslaw, roll, butter & dessert; Shrimp Scampi dinner includes fries or rice, coleslaw, roll, butter & dessert. Also available: soup, mac 'n cheese dinner, beer, wine, pop & water. Dine-in or take out. Pre-order at the parish office or online at [www.StLeoTheGreatAmherst.com](http://www.StLeoTheGreatAmherst.com).

**Ministers for April** - Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: 4:30 pm - Sr. Ruth, Randy Bergman, Amy Bergman; 8 am - Finley Gray, Deb Smith, John Diggs; 10:15 am - Lisa Reigle, Sue Sweitzer, Andrea Gleason. Lectors: 4:30 pm - Wendy Bergman; 8:00 am - Mary Borden; 10:15 am - Wally Smith. Altar Servers: 4:30 pm - Charlotte Carlson, Anna Bergman; 8 am - Isabella Mruk, Gabrielle Flumerfeldt; 10:15 am - Aron Gehl, Nathaniel Gehl

**SAVE DATE** **St. Teresa's Grounds Spring Clean-Up** - Celebrate Earth Day April 22nd by helping out at St. Teresa's!

**St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Center 12th Annual Banquet** on Thursday, April 27 at 6 pm at Classics V, 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst. Check-in begins at 5:30 pm. Opening remarks: Bishop Michael Fisher. Keynote Speaker: Toni McFadden, Author of "Redeemed: My Journey after Abortion." Special Guest: Honorable Shannon Filbert, First Woman Justice, Town of West Seneca. Make your reservation today by calling 716-847-2205, online at <https://www.buffalodiocese.org/st-gianna/> or email [StGianna@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:StGianna@buffalodiocese.org). Reservation deadline is April 17.

**Upcoming Dates to Remember**

- **REMINDER** - Easter Dinner donations are being accepted for the Akron/Newstead Food Pantry in the Narthex
- **Weekend of April 1/2** - Parish Library open 1 hour after each weekend Mass
- **Sunday, April 2** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00
- **Wednesday, April 5** - Lenten Retreat in the rectory meeting room at 6 pm
- **Friday, April 7** - Women's Group, 8:45 AM in the Parish Meeting Room
- **Saturday, April 8** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- **Sunday, April 9** - No Religious Education Classes Happy Easter!

**VOCATION VIEW**

"Lazarus, come out!" Sometimes we feel dead on our feet with no purpose. Find a new purpose in life by seeking God's will. If Jesus is calling you to a church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalo vocations.org](http://buffalo vocations.org)

☺ Did you hear about the guy who swapped the labels on the pumps at the gas station? It was an April Fuels' joke.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

**"And He said to all: if any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me."**

**Luke 9:23**